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SUBJECT: NIKOLAIS DANCE THEATRE

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BAALBECK FESTIVAL HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH NIKOLAIS FOR CHOREOGRAPHY OF NEW WORK FOR 1975 BAALBECK 20TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL. MEANWHILE, IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, FESTIVAL COMMITTEE VERY INTERESTED IN BOOKING NIKOLAIS FOR BAAKBECK SEPTEMBER 2-9, 1974 AND IS CONTACTING OBLETZ DIRECTLY. IF NIKOLAIS NOT AVAIALBE BAAALBECK FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER, PLEASE TRY TO ASCERTAIN IF HE DEFINITELY COMING FOR 1975 SEASON AND ABLE TO MAKE COMMITMENT NOW. NEWLY CREATED ANJAR FESTIVAL IS OPENING SEPTEMBER 6 UNDER PATRONAGE OF WIFE OF LEBANESE PRESIDENT AND ALSO INTERESTED IN NIKOLAIS FOR OPENING SEPTEMBER 6 AND FOR AS MANY PERFORMANCES AS POSSIBLE IN WEEK THEREAFTER. NIKOLAIS CANNOT PERFORM AT ANJAR IF HE COMING BAALBECK NEXT YEAR. THUS, POST NEEDS CLEARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS TO KEEP SITUATION HERE STRAIGHT:

1. CAN NIKOLAIS COME BAALBECK SEPTEMBER 2-9?
2. IF NOT, IS TROUPE DEFINTLEY COMING IN 1975?
3. IF NO 1975 PERFORMANCES, CAN THEY PERFORM AT ANJAR FROM SEPTEMBER 6-13?

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